9/1/84

John D. Wright
1468 Timberlane Dr
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Dear John,

Thanks for your review of the Breen Book. I assume it will appear in the 9/15/83 issue.

I'm sure you realize that the most Negative review Possible would be written by Me but I feel that such a review at this Point would serve No Purpose. What I am Concerned about is the future. Each book written develops a certain amount of lore derived from it. Breens book from what I've seen so far will have to await the Verdict of Collectors Present + Future. For you to give it a good send off Now is to be Expected and to do otherwise would earn you the Never ending enmity of Walter. The enmity of Walter towards Me runs throughout ~~the~~ the book. You may have spotted some of it but as Bill Weber says. "The Put down of you and your book is hard to believe. There is obviously Material which he could have only gotten from your book"

I could write pages in regard to Walter book and Plan to do so in the form of a Critique. It will Probably take over a year to Complete but the Numismatic World will know what some HALF CENT COLLECTORS of the era think of his efforts.

I'm going over certain Parts of Walter Book + I (a Number of months ago) definitely felt that My book was inadequate, that it Could be classified as a Hand book or only a guide to the subject but as I read Breens book I realized that Walter intention in writing his book was to bury Me in an avalanche of Words. Our style of writing are Poles ~~apart~~ apart. I try to Write in a

succinct manner as compared to Walter's loquacious manner. In comparing the two books I realized that I must compare the data presented. What I have come up with is that Walter will take a full page to write what I wrote in a paragraph. Walter writes a paragraph to cover what I covered in a sentence. By necessity I then realized that the words of Goethe " WHEN IDEAS FAIL, WORDS COME IN VERY HANDY" applied to the situation I was pondering.

The most repugnant thing I have seen in reviews of Walter's book is the emphasis on His "research". When I read this my "blood boils" I can ~~point out~~ identify virtually ~~by~~ every source of his data. I have even been able to ~~point out~~ identify what sources ~~they are~~ have been copied from. Why this? My book has traps set in it for just such an occurance. Further more Walter contradicts himself ~~on~~ in many places of his own book. So far the most ludicrous item I've seen is on Page 213 where it is stated that in 1803-1808 the Mint was maintaining records of Boulton Planchets so as to account to the COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY! This office was not even in existance until 1863!

When it comes to the Condition Census Walter states the data came from Jon Hanson. What do I think of it? Just take a look at where Mr Hanson (CALIFORNIA COLLECTOR) has placed his Coins and then look at Page XIII (first paragraph) of my Second Edition. On many varieties Mr Hanson data is very sketchy. You might compare it to what's being run in P.W. currently. also again there is a avalanche of words to cover up for a lack of knowledge.

This is all for now and it's far more than I usually write

Sincerely
Roger

11/13/84

Dear John

Enclosed is Jan P.W. ad.

Sorry, you didn't appreciate my poking fun at Jack Collins. I got to laughing so hard I woke Debby up while I was writing it.

The other night I got into bed with the Big Red Book. Debby told me she would not tolerate Walter in bed with us!! I had a choice: put Walter out or leave with him. Discretion is the better part of valor so Walter slept on the floor.

Seriously, Walter's book has serious defects which should be made known. Despite this the book <u>does</u> contribute to the body of knowledge of Half Cents. You just have to be able to separate the buckwheat from the BS

Bozeman

April 25, 1989

Dear Tett,

Trust you and Marilyn had a good time at EAC and a good trip home. We certainly did.

I wanted to clear up one thing that I mistated to you. I knew I had the wrong amount on the 1798 NC2 when I said the tax was 40 cents. John told me he paid $10 plus 4% sales tax, making $10.40 total. I just remembered that it was amazing we were able to come up with that amount because we usually came home with nothing left over.

I realize that I should never let material possessions have such a hold on me, but think <u>we</u> should retain this particular coin for a long time.

Best to you and yours,

Mabel Ann

5/1/89

Mabel Ann,

I agree with you. The story of its purchase is a rich item in your family lore. We enjoyed seeing you.

Tett

JOHN D. WRIGHT
1468 Timberlane Drive
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7 October 1989

Dear Tett,

Thank you for your hospitality on 23 Sept. Frank and I enjoyed visiting again with you and your fabulous collection, and I especially enjoyed visiting your home, re-meeting Marilyn (I won't forget again that I've met her), and that outstanding dinner at Tony's.

Frank too all the negatives from both setups and tells me that both sets came out exactly as hoped.

My CVM T-shirt arrived safely. Though you had my blessing to keep it for your own use, I've worn it twice since it got home-- obviously it is a favorite.

Now we will have to bring Mabel All out sometime to photograph your 1796 with pole.

Your friend,

2/26/90

John Wright

BE:

EPN stopped by. He asked if you could ask Breen if he can tell the variety of and the date, and, if so, if the obverse and reverse are from the same coin.

John said "fake"
Obv + Rev from different dies not used with each other. Has seen other coins like this

FROM THE DESK OF **MARSHA BIRK**

JOHN D. WRIGHT
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

28 July 1990

Dear Tett,

The last time Frank and I had the pleasure of visiting you, you asked me to let you know whenever I might have Mabel Ann with me so you, Marilyn, M.A. and I could visit.

I will be attending a Computer Associates' conference at the Cervantes Convention Center on August 19-24 and will have M.A. along. Scheduled events will keep us busy days and some evenings, but we expect to have Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings free (Aug.20-22). We will be staying at the Sheraton St. Louis and will have a car. We hope that your schedule will let us get together one of those evenings.

Please let us know what, if anything, would be convenient for you.

Your friend,

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

August 9, 1990

Mr. John D. Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear John:

It is great that you and Mabel Ann are going to be in St. Louis, and I am delighted that you remembered my request. It will be a delight for Marilyn and me to get together with you while you are here.

It was good that you had three evenings open. Since Marilyn and I will be in Dallas Monday and Tuesday evenings, obviously Wednesday, August 22 is the night! We have tickets for the baseball game that evening and would suggest the following: Let's have an early dinner (5:30 or 5:45) at Tony's, the Italian restaurant where you and Frank and I had dinner (bring a necktie). Tony's is within a block or so of the Sheraton. We will then have time to have a nice leisurely dinner and still get to the game. If going to the ballgame doesn't appeal to the two of you, please tell me frankly. My son will be glad to take the tickets.

In any case, we are really looking forward to seeing you while you are here.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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P.S. Our computer department has just switched from an IBM CPU to an Amdahl on the basis of lower cost. So far they are very pleased with the way it is performing.

JOHN D. WRIGHT
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

12 August 1990

Dear Tett,

Thanks for your wonderful offer, and Mabel Ann and I can hardly wait for the 22nd for our evening with Marilyn and you. Yes, the ballgame will be an extra treat for us. You've offered even beyond what we'd hoped.

Where and when should we meet you on Wednesday afternoon? At your office, or have you another suggestion?

Great!
Lets meet at Tony's at 5:30.
Just a block or two from your hotel.

Your friend, Tett

Jd

P.S. Your computer staff chose wisely with Amdahl. They make excellent clones of IBM large systems.

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EAC '92

R. TETTENHORST
P. O. Box 14020
Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

September 13, 1990

Mr. John Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear John:

Marilyn and I enjoyed seeing you and Mabel Ann here. We appreciate her nice note. I hope you will come back again, but I will see you in Boston if not before then.

I have been giving a good deal of thought to the question of a trade for the 1797 C1 owned by your doctor friend in Indiana. It seems to me that perhaps the best trade would be to offer him my existing specimen of the same variety which is fully MS 60. In addition, I would add either another half cent or half cents or cash or some combination. I would expect to somewhat overpay the difference in value between the two coins as an inducement for making the trade.

Procedurally I would suggest the following:

1) If he is interested in the concept he could send me his coin.

2) I will compare the two coins side-by-side to arrive at an estimate of what I think should be offered as part of the exchange.

3) I will send both coins back to him so that he can examine them side-by-side. I will include my suggestion as to an appropriate difference in value.

4) He can let me know if my suggestion is acceptable and whether he would prefer all cash or some other half cent(s).

As another alternative, if he is interested in the concept, I could bring my coin up to him on a visit and we could resolve things in a face-to-face meeting. If he prefers to do it this way, he might let me know whatever half cent(s), if any, he would be interested in having as part of the exchange. That way I could bring one or more possibilities with me. Some years I would have suggested meeting here for the World Series. However, that is not going to be feasible this year, alas. Perhaps he would like to meet in Cincinnati. . .?

In any case, I appreciate your acting as an intermediary in this transaction.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

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1797

STATES OF AMERICA
CENT

7 Aug. 1992

Dear Tett,

Harry Colborn wanted you to have this picture from the Colorado conference. I hope it refreshes warm memories for you as much as it did for us.

Your friend,

Tett —

Great seminar! thought you might like this photo as a remembrance. No reply required —

Harry Colborn

R. TETTENHORST
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Saint Louis, Missouri 63178

August 8, 1994

Mrs. Mabel Ann Wright
1468 Timberlane Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear Mabel Ann:

At the recent ANA show, I told you about a series of half cent articles written by George Ross in the Numismatist between 1913 and 1916. I told you that I had copies of these articles and that when I reproduced them I would send you a copy for the EAC library.

Subsequently, Frank Wilkinson, who seems to know everything about half cents and half cent literature, told me that these articles had already been reproduced. They appear in the last section of the Lapp/Silberman anthology entitled U.S. Large Cents 1793-1857, which was published by Quarterman Publications, Inc. in 1975.

Since I assume that either the EAC library or someone with whom you are very well acquainted has a copy of this book, I am not going to bother to reprint copies. I thought I should let you know, so as not to leave a loose string dangling.

Sincerely,

Tett

R. Tettenhorst

mb

1468 Timberlane Dr.
St. Joseph, MI 49085
August 12, 1994

Dear Tett,

Thank you for the follow-up on the George Ross articles on half cents.

I checked it out and Frank is indeed right that they were reprinted in the Lapp/Silberman anthology. Both we and the EAC library have one of these books. I just don't know everything that's in it.

Thanks again for thinking of the library.

Sincerely,

Mabel Ann